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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

19th September 2006

COMMUNITY SAFETY and LEISURE SCRUTINY PANEL PROGRESS REPORT

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1 To inform Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board of the progress made to date by the Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2 It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Board approves the actions of the Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel since the last update which was presented to this Board at its meeting held on the 22nd August 2006.

PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

3. The Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel held a meeting on the 5th September 2006. At this meeting the Panel addressed two issues. First an update on the progress for the 2006 Boro Buzz and secondly the subject of Neighbourhood Policing into Middlesbrough.
4. **Boro Buzz** The Panel had examined Boro Buzz during the preparation for the 2005 event and the Panels report was subsequently considered by the Executive. One of the Panels concerns was lateness in preparation and the supply of marketing documentation to distributors etc. Consequently the Panel had scheduled an update from the service to convey to the Panel that the

preparations for the 2006 event were adequately scheduled and being delivered.

The Panel identified the following points from their update which may need further consideration.

- To date the Community Councils had not been approached in connection with the 2006 Boro Buzz event. The service considered a named contact within the Community Council should be identified as a central point for future contact.
- That a number of projects have been established for juniors and the Panel discussed the merits of including these. Consequently the Panel suggests that the inclusion of projects targeted towards juniors receive further consideration as the Boro Buzz is essentially targeted towards combating anti social behaviour and the target band for marketing was 13 to 19 year olds. Although the panel does recognise that early prevention is also a factor to consider.
- Emerging from the Panels enquiries, it was considered that that the Boro Buzz Project could benefit from further reinforcement of corporate commitment.

- 5 **Neighbourhood Policing** The Panel arranged to visit Hartlepool on the 15th August and engage with the Police, the Councils Community Protection service and representatives of the Community. Hartlepool is currently operating Neighbourhood Policing as the pilot for the Cleveland Police area and the Panel found engaging with resident representatives who could illustrate the changes since its introduction very informative.
- 6 The Panel recognised the benefits Neighbourhood Policing has brought to Hartlepool and is anxious to clarify the position for its introduction into Middlesbrough. Consequently the Panel will be requesting the Police and Community Protection attend their meeting of 26th September to provide a progress report.
- 7 The Panel also intends to explore the option of visiting a Police authority outside of the Tees Valley, which is operating Neighbourhood Policing in order that they can make comparison of how the principles of NP have been applied, and to uncover any other aspects of good practice.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background paper was used in the preparation of this report: -

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